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1. MISSION SHOULD CONVEY FOLLOWING POINTS RE AGENDA AND WORK TO CHAIRMAN THROUGH THE GERMAN DELEGATION.
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2. LDC ACCEPTANCE OF NORMAL TRADE STATUS. SECRETARY KISSINGER IN HIS SEPTEMBER 1 SPEECH TO THE UNITED NATIONS ENUNCIATED USG VIEW THAT LDCS SHOULD BENEFIT FROM DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT WHERE APPROPRIATE BUT HE ALSO CALLED ON DEVELOPING COUNTRIES GRADUALLY TO ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITIES THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES UNDERTAKE IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE RELATIONSHIPS. WE BELIEVE IT COULD BE USEFUL FOR THE OECD SECRETARIAT TO STUDY POSSIBLE CRITERIA TO GAUGE WHEN A DEVELOPING COUNTRY SHOULD APPROPRIATELY ASSUME DEVELOPED COUNTRY OBLIGATIONS. WE WOULD EXPECT SUCH A STUDY WOULD UECOME THE FOCUS FOR A DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECT IN THE RADE COMMITTEE AT SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE HIS REACTION TO THIS IDEA WHICH WE WOULD PROPOSE TO INITIATE IN THE INFORMAL SESSION OR AT THE DINNER DURING THE FORTHCOMING MEETING.

3. GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT. WE ARE CONCERNED AT THE SLOW PACE IN THE TRADE COMMITTEE WORKING PARTY ON GOVERNMENT

PROCUREMENT, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF WHAT WE SEE AS A GROWING INTEREST AMONG THE LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN PARTICIPATION IN THIS EXERCISE. WE INTEND TO PROPOSE AT THE TRADE COMMITTEE SESSION 1) THAT THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT WORKING PARTY BE INSTRUCTED TO PROVIDE A DETAILED REPORT ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES TO THE TRADE COMMITTEE FOR ITS NEXT MEETING AND 2) THAT THE TC ADDRESS AND SEEK TO RESOLVE THOSE ISSUES WHICH ARE IMPEDING PROGRESS BY THE TCWP IN ORDER THAT WE MAY REVIEW THE WORK TO DATE AND POSSIBLY ADDRESS POLICY ISSUES WHICH MAY BE IMPEDING PROGRESS. (MISSION REQUESTED ADVISE POMERANZ, HEAD OF DELEGATION TO TCWP GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT WORKING PARTY MEETING, OF THIS INITIATIVE SO THAT HE MAY TAKE IT INTO CONSIDERATION AT CURRENT MEETING.)

4. INTERNAL MEASURES: WE PLAN TO RAISE THE QUESTION IN INFORMAL SESSION OF WHERE WE GO FROM HERE ON INTERNAL MEASURES. WE WILL PROPOSE IN THE TRADE COMMITTEE MEETINGS SEPT. 23-24 THAT THE TCWP RESUME THE DIALOGUE ON THE SUBJECT OF THE TRADE EFFECT OF VARIOUS TYPES OF INTERNAL MEASURES, SUCH AS THOSE SPELLED OUT IN TFD/TD 759
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ADD. PARAS. 9-38. DRAWING UPON THE WORK ALREADY DONE BY THE SECRETARIAT, THE TCWP WOULD EXAMINE THE MECHANISMS THROUGH WHICH INTERNAL MEASURES MAKE THEIR EFFECTS FELT ON TRADE AND EVALUATE THE ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUES AND CRITERIA USED BY THE SECRETARIAT IN DOING THEIR STUDIES. THE TCWP WOULD ALSO IDENTIFY AREAS WHICH MERIT FURTHER WORK BY THE SECRETARIAT. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE EXERCISE WILL BE TO DEVELOP AGREED DEFINITIONS AND ANALYTICAL TOOLS

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WHICH COULD BE USED AT A LATER STAGE IN VARIOUS FORA
INCLUDING OECD WHERE THE TRADE EFFECTS OF INTERNAL
MEASURES MIGHT BE DISCUSSED.

5. ITALIAN EXPORT STIMULATION MEASURES: WE PLAN TO
RAISE THE MEASURES ANNOUNCED DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST BY
THE GOI (SEE ROME 11528 AND 123030). CERTAIN OF THESE
MEASURES HAVE TRADE PLEDGE IMPLICATIONS WHICH WE BELIEVE
SHOULD BE DISCUSSED. SISCO

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